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December Newsletter

(This is our final newsletter for 2024. The next one will be sent out mid/late Jan 2025).
Best wishes for a nice Christmas & New Year break.

GAMC CHRISTMAS DINNER

Fri 6th Dec '24 from 6pm at Tyers Hall



- All welcome
- Catered 2 course dinner (served at 6.30pm)
- \$25 per person to be paid by Weds 27th Nov (details below). Bookings required for catering purposes
- BYO drinks, glasses & musical instruments
- Any dietary requirements, contact Joan 0408 747 882



Dinner payments (\$25 per person) can be deposited to Bendigo Bank. **Pls remember to include your name(s)**
Gippsland Acoustic Music Club, Inc BSB Number 633 000 Account Number 163 729 114
Otherwise contact Treasurer, Barb Brabets on 0431 258 024 to arrange cash payments

Thanks to those who recently supported the GAMC fundraiser BBQ at Bunnings Traralgon. Almost \$1000 was raised, which will help greatly with our 2025 program. The day was fun with a great community feel.



Upcoming GAMC Events:

♪ Fri night 6th Dec: GAMC Christmas Dinner. See above \$25 pp. **RSVP by Weds 27th Nov**

2025

- ♪ Weds 22nd Jan 7.30pm Committee meeting at Traralgon Neighbourhood House (Kath Teychenne Centre) 11 - 13 Breed Street, Traralgon
- ♪ Sun 2nd Feb 7.30pm: First GAMC Concert: "Songrise"
- ♪ Fri 14th Feb 7-8.30pm: Gippsapella rehearsals commence (Traralgon) and run at same time for next 6 weeks. They'll be led by Rhonda Newton
- ♪ Sun 2nd March 7.30pm. Concert: Riley Catherall
Fri 14th -Sun 16th March: Summer Camp at the Barn in Inverloch
- ♪ Sat 22nd March 2025 "Choirs@Tyers" Singing Festival led by Barb McFarlane of VoKallista (morning workshop & afternoon concert). This will include a "Gippsapella" performance.
- ♪ Sun 6th April Concert: "Thieving Magpies"
- ♪ Sun 4th May Concert: "Rufous Whistler"
- ♪ Sun 25th May 3-5pm (and also on Sun 8th June and Sun 22nd June): Harmonica workshops
- ♪ Sun 1st June Concert: Tim Scanlon

GAMC 2025 MUSIC WORKSHOPS/LESSONS ON OFFER. They'll happen in Traralgon

- ♪ **Gippsapella** (Acapella singing) led by Rhonda Newton.
Friday nights 7-8.30pm Feb 14th, 21st, 28th Mar 7th, 14th & 21st & perform on 22nd Mar at "Choirs@Tyers"
- ♪ **Recorder group** will continue. Sundays 16th Feb, 16th Mar, 20th April, 18th May, 15th June, 20th July, 17th Aug, 21st Sept, 19th Oct, 16th Nov
- ♪ **Harmonica workshops** led by Ken Bechaz Sundays 3-5pm 25th May, 8th & 22nd June
- ♪ **Song Arranging** Sundays 3-5pm 31st Aug, 14th & 28th Sept.

Stay tuned for further info.



Procedures for Emergency Warnings


(bushfires, floods etc):

In the event that a "Watch and Act" Warning or an Emergency Warning is listed for Tyers on a day when GAMC is hosting an event (or for other locations where GAMC may be hosting an event), the club event will be cancelled for that day. In such circumstances, we will endeavour to advise members via email, but recommend that you tune into local ABC radio and/or <https://emergency.vic.gov.au> for warning updates before leaving home.

OTHER EVENTS AROUND THE PLACE:

- ♪ **Weds 27th Nov. 12.30pm-2.30pm: Mirboo Music Jam Session. This is the last for 2024!**
Venue: the Baromi Centre at 39 Couper St Mirboo North. All instruments and/or voice & all ages & experience levels welcome. Gold coin donation if possible & great arvo tea. See Mirboo Music Facebook page or contact Peter McCarthy 0417060566 petermcc@outlook.com
- ♪ **At Gippsland Performing Arts Centre, Traralgon:**
- ♪ **Tues 3rd Dec at 11am:** https://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/gpac/events/Rejoice_Be_Merry_Its_Christmas
- ♪ **Sun 8th Dec 5.30pm:** The Glee Club is back and doing A Glee-full Christmas
https://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/gpac/events/A_Glee_full_Christmas_Singalong
- ♪ **Sat 22nd March 2025 at Bundalaguah Hall:** Nicky Bomba's Bustamento / Steve Shulz Drum Circle. Bookings through <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1297705>

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PLAYING 60S, 70S & 80S MUSIC
APPEARING
YARRAGON HOTEL
FRIDAY
6TH DECEMBER AT 8PM
FEATURING
Ray (Blind Dog) Negro, Mick (Captain Grumpy) Hill, Marty (Bleeding Gums) Van Hoorn,
Steve (Sticks) Schultz,
Kai (Bones) Schultz, Ron (Mr Piano Man) Armstrong, Rick (Frantic Fingers) Teychenne
and
Chrissie (Shirley Knot) Walters

Yallourn Madrigal Singers
proudly present

OVER THE RAINBOW



Choral Concert

2.00 PM SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER 2024
St James' Anglican Church, Traralgon

Join us for a concert of favourite pieces and new songs followed by a Christmas-themed afternoon tea

Tickets \$20 Adults \$5 School Students

Online: www.trybooking.com/CWXSZ
or purchase tickets at the door (cash only)

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Vale Aileen Boothman (30/05/1933 – 23/10/2024)

Recently, Aileen Boothman passed away aged 91. She is a sad loss to the Gippsland Acoustic Music Club. Aileen was among the founding members who formed the Club in 1982. The Club members pass on their sincere condolences to Neville and family.

This article is a tribute to Aileen and her music in the early days when the club was forming. Many of the early members were skilled musicians, and the club provided a forum for sharing music and swapping tips about playing.

Neville and Aileen brought some of their music mates to the club, and also joined in with the many musician members they were just getting to know.

Two testimonies help to set the scene.

1, Aileen was an incredibly humble and talented fiddle player with a great knowledge of traditional American fiddle music. Through her musical partnership with Neville and their immense record collection she not only knew how to play bluegrass, old time and Texas swing, she also knew about the playing of some of the best fiddlers in those styles.

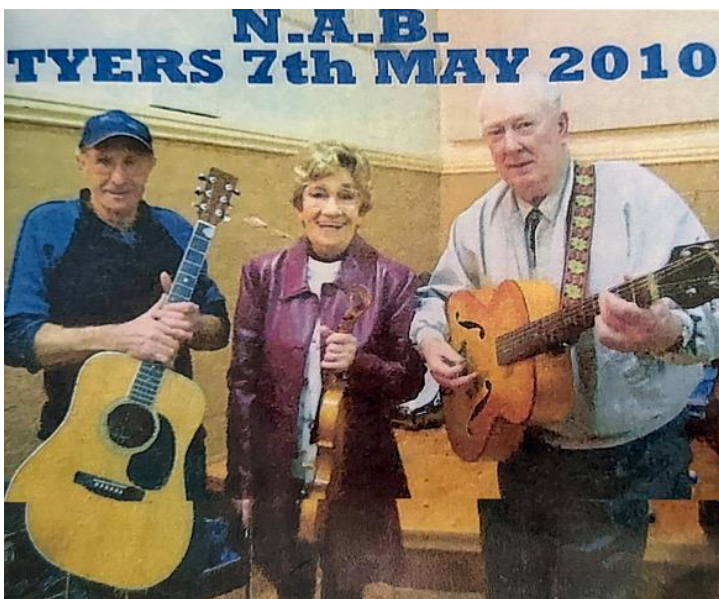
Back in the early '80s, fiddle players were few and far between in the Latrobe Valley. For me, a young, emerging and enthusiastic fiddle player, Aileen was a beacon and a generous resource. I remember spending many inspiring hours in the Boothman's lounge room soaking up Aileen's tunes, stories and advice, all delivered with genuine humility, and listening to some of the best fiddle players from their extensive record collection.

I owe much of my knowledge and playing of American music to Aileen and Neville and feel lucky to have shared their music and company.

Brian "Strat" Strating

2, We arrived in Traralgon in 1978 with guitar and fiddle having travelled through the Appalachians, Ozarks, Nashville and Tennessee festivals. It was a joy to hook up with Nev and Aileen who had a similar repertoire of old timey songs and fiddle tunes and were seasoned performers. Many happy evenings of rehearsals ahead of a GAMC performance.

Robin & Priscilla Tiplady



Aileen at GAMC with Neville (right) and Bill Armstrong (left)

Aileen's fiddle featured in many line-ups at the Club, but nearly always with husband Neville. They brought their rich music background to the club, and often entertained us as a duo, or a trio with Bill Armstrong.

Importantly, Aileen was among a strong group of female musicians who helped shape the foundations of our club.

Aileen, Priscilla and Strat playing "Ragtime Annie" was fiddle heaven when those fiddles got sawing in the band with Nev, Robin and Lyndal.

The foundations of the club featured many great musicians. Importantly these players were also keen to be part of the audience or join in the music camps to further share. The vibe was unique to the Tyers Hall supper room, and the club stays strong today thanks to people like Aileen.

Sadly, it came time to lay that fiddle down.